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Applicants: Meng-Ling Hsiao and Lawrence D. Willey  
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For: METHOD, APPARATUS AND ARTICLE FOR REFERENCE  
MATERIAL MANAGEMENT  
Docket No.: 243768043US

Sir:

**EXCLUSIVE POWER OF ATTORNEY  
AND EXCLUSIVE PROSECUTION HEREAFTER BY  
ASSIGNEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.36, 3.71 AND 3.73**

The undersigned being the owner of all right, title and interest in the above-identified patent application, hereby revokes all previous powers of attorney in this case, if any, and hereby appoints Maurice J. Pirio, 33,273; Jerry A. Riedinger, Registration No. 30,582; John C. Stewart, Registration No. 40,188; Michael D. Broaddus, Registration No. 41,637; Brian P. McQuillen, Registration No. 41,989; Catherine Hong Tran, Registration No. 43,960; Robert G. Woolston, Registration No. 37,263; Paul T. Parker, Registration No. 38,264; John M. Wechkin, Registration No. 37,263; Christopher J. Daley-Watson, Registration No. 34,807; Steven D. Lawrenz, Registration No. 37,376; James A. D. White, Registration No. 43,985; Stephen E. Arnett, Registration No. P-47,392; Davina L. Childs, Registration No. P-47,485; and James Nickelson, Registration No. 46,140 of the firm of Perkins Coie, LLP, P.O. Box 1247, Seattle, Washington 98111-

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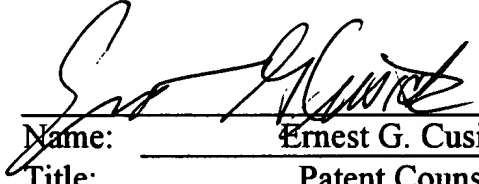
**Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b)**

I hereby certify that General Electric Company of 1 River Road, Schenectady, NY 12345 is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventors to the aforesaid assignee, *a copy of the assignment being attached.*

I have reviewed the documents in the chain of title of the patent application identified above, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, title is in the aforesaid assignee for which I am empowered to act in this matter.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

**GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY**

January 22, 2001	By: 
Date	
	Name: <u>Ernest G. Cusick</u>
	Title: <u>Patent Counsel</u>

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**ASSIGNMENT**

In consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, of which we acknowledge receipt, **Meng-Ling Hsiao** of **2191 Foxhill Drive, Niskayuna, New York 12309** and **Lawrence D. Willey** of **40 Beechwood Drive, Burnt Hills, New York 12027**, sell and assign to General Electric Company, a New York Corporation, its successors and assigns the entire right, title and interest in and to the improvements in **METHOD, APPARATUS AND ARTICLE FOR REFERENCE MATERIAL MANAGEMENT** invented by us, as described in the application for United States Patent filed on **December 27, 2000** as **Application No. 09/749,257**; and any and all applications for patent and patents therefor in any and all countries, including all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said United States application, and authorize and request any official whose duty it is to issue patents, to issue any patent on said improvements or resulting therefrom to said General Electric Company, or its successors or assigns and agree that on request and without further consideration, but at the expense of said Company, we will communicate to said Company or its representatives or nominees any facts known to us respecting said improvements and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said Company, its successors, assigns, and nominees to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

Feb 06, 2001  
Date

Meng-Ling Hsiao  
Meng-Ling Hsiao

STATE OF New York )  
COUNTY OF Schenectady ) ss:

This 6th day of February, 2001, before me personally came the above-named Meng-Ling Hsiao, to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

Bonnie A. Maynard  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

BONNIE A. MAYNARD  
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1-30, 2001  
Date

Lawrence D. Willey  
Lawrence D. Willey

STATE OF New York )  
 ) ss:  
COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY )

This 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2001 before me personally came the above-named Lawrence D. Willey, to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

**CYNTHIA A. SWANSON**  
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